

REMARKS

In the aforesaid Office Action, an election/restriction requirement was made, claims 10 and 13-16 were rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, and claim 9 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zamore (U.S. Patent No. 6,596,818) alone. Claims 10-11, 13-16 and 21 are pending (claim 9 being canceled by this amendment), and claims 11 and 21 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants hereby affirm election of the species shown in Fig. 10, claims 9, 10, and 13-16 readable thereon.

The Examiner rejected claims 10 and 13-16 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement, stating that claim 10 recites the limitation "a selectively cross-linked structure" which was not described in the specification. Applicants have amended claim 10. Support for amended claim 10 can be found in the 3rd paragraph of the Summary section (disclosing non-crosslinked portions of the balloon), and the 4th paragraph of the Detailed Description section (disclosing a selectively irradiated inflatable member that has radially-spaced longitudinal zones of crosslinked material).

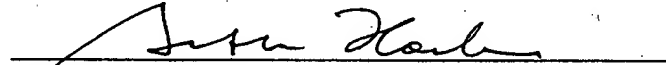
Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the reference listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/O8B, and request that it be considered by the Examiner. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2), and therefore the fee set forth in 1.17(p) is due.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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